



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Human Rights Commission

Recommendation Number 20210927-002a: Meeting Schedules

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in numerous canceled board and commission meetings due to circumstances beyond the control of board members and City staff; and

WHEREAS, boards that do not adopt an annual meeting schedule before the end of the year as the result of canceled meetings may not have meetings dates for the upcoming year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission encourages the Austin City Council to direct the City Manager and the City Clerk to propose alternatives for setting meeting schedules and meeting locations, including hybrid meetings, on the chance that any board is unable to adopt an annual meeting schedule before the end of the year because of canceled meetings and direct the City Manager to suspend use of City ordinances that require in-person meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Date of Approval: September 27, 2021

Record of the vote: 6-0; Chair Davis motion, Commissioner Weigel second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Casas, Commissioner Brienzi, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Griffith, and Commissioner Weigel. Commissioner Areche, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Caballero, and Commissioner Museitif were absent.

Attest:                     *Jonathan Babiak*                    

Jonathan Babiak, Staff Liaison